

## **Additional Legislative Bills of Interest to KHPA**

### **HB 2367 – Public benefits and employment; relating to aliens unlawfully in U.S.**

The bill would deny public, state, or local benefits to any alien unlawfully present in the U.S., require employers to have employees complete I-9 forms, and create penalties for employers who hire illegal aliens.

The bill was amended and passed by the House Federal and State Affairs Committee. On the House floor the bill was amended additionally to include restrictions on in-state tuition. A motion to re-refer the bill to the House Judiciary Committee for further review was approved, and the bill was sent back to committee without passing the Committee of the Whole. The bill is officially dead for the 2007 Legislative Session.

### **HB 2418 – Definition of general hospital**

The bill would amend the definition of “general hospital” in the hospital licensure law and would specify a time frame for facilities (currently licensed as general hospitals that would be unable to meet the criteria established by the bill) to meet the new requirements of this definition.

The bill passed the House and was heard by the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare. The Committee did not pass the bill. A Conference Committee could not come to agreement on the bill. It was also discussed in the Conference Committee on SB 11. The House argued to include the bill, but the Senate was strongly opposed. In the end, the Conference Committee on SB 11 did not include language from the bill in SB 11.

### **HB 2530 – Exemption of health care providers from Ks Consumer Protection Act**

The bill sought to exempt health care providers from the Ks Consumer Protection Act.

The Judicial Conference Committee amended the bill to exempt health care providers as it relates to medical negligence cases. The exemption applies to the private remedies section of the Act (K.S.A. 50-634). However, the bill still contains a provision that provides consumers with the unrestricted protection of both the Attorney General and district attorneys.

The bill passed as SB 55, and was enrolled and presented to the Governor for signature.

### **HB 2578 – Utilization of Unused Medications Act**

The bill would create a voluntary program by which adult care homes may donate unused medication to be distributed by indigent health care clinics or federally qualified health centers to Kansas residents who are medically indigent. The bill excludes medications purchased by the Title XIX and Title XXI programs.

KHPA testified in support of the bill. It was passed by the House Appropriations Committee and referred to the Senate Ways and Means Committee. There have been no further hearings.

### **SB 302 – Controlled Substance Monitoring Task Force**

The bill establishes an 11-member Controlled Substances Monitoring Task Force to develop a plan for the creation and implementation of a controlled substances prescription monitoring program and an electronic purchase log. The electronic purchase log will be required to have the capability of, in real-time, checking compliance with all state, federal and local laws concerning the sale of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine.

Each of the following entities will appoint one member of the task force: Attorney General, Kansas Health Policy Authority, Director of KBI, Board of Healing Arts, Kansas Medical Society, Kansas Assn. of Osteopathic Medicine, Kansas Pharmacists' Association, Kansas State Dental Association, and Kansas Hospital Assn. The Kansas Board of Pharmacy will appoint two members.

The bill was approved by the Governor.